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FROM QUINLAN MUSCAT

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SUBJ: OMAN CLAIMS OIL RIG ON CHARTER TO TENNECO

1. TERRY CLARK, BRITISH CHARGE, CALLED THE EMBASSY ABOUT AN INCIDENT IN WHICH AMERICAN INTERESTS MAY BE INVOLVED. OMAN, THROUGH SPOKESMAN JOHN TOWNSEND, HAS CLAIMED AS ABANDONED AN AMERICAN-OWNED FLOATING OIL RIG ON CHARTER TO TENNECO, A DRILLING FIRM WITH US PARTNERS. CLARK REPORTS TOWNSEND CLAIMS TO BE ACTING ON ADVICE OF SPEAR, HILL ASSOCIATES, A US LAW FIRM WHICH ADVISES OMAN GOVT.

2. CLARK REPORTS INCIDENT AS FOLLOWS: SHIP WITH OIL RIG WENT AGROUND AT RAS MADRAKE, ABOUT 200 KM SOUTH OF MASIRA IS. ON AUG 19. THE CREW LEFT THE SHIP AFTER STAYING ON IT EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. NOT KNOWN AT PRESENT IF OMANIS BOARDED. SHIP IS STILL AGROUND.

3. BRITISH ARE INTERESTED BECAUSE SHIP INSURED BY UK UNDERWRITER. RIG REPORTEDLY COSTING 13,000 UK POUNDS PER DAY. BRITISH CONTACTING OMANI FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD LIJE US TO JOIN. EMBASSY PLANS NO ACTION UNTIL ADVISED.

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